

THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS

Song Lyrics

Text adapted from Lewis Carroll

Music by Paul Rissmann

1st Movement – The Looking-Glass House

Do you hear the snow,
against the window-pane Kitty?
How nice and soft it sounds outside.

Do you want to go,
inside the looking-glass Kitty?
If only we could make it through.

Pretend the glass is soft,
a bright and silvery mist Kitty?
I do declare it melts away.

Oh what fun it'll be,
when they see me
through the glass in here,
and can not get at me.



2nd Movement – The Garden of Live Flowers

We can talk, when there's anyone worth talking to!

All the flowers talk as well as you can.
It's just not manners for us to begin.

We can talk, when there's anyone worth talking to!

And a great deal louder, such a great deal louder.
Did-n't you know we talk A - LICE!

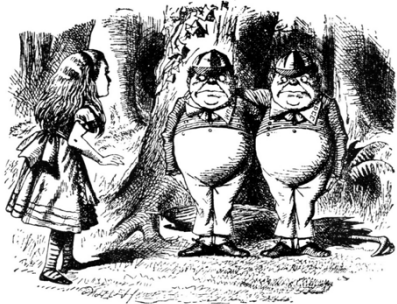
3rd Movement – The Red Queen

Where do you come from? And where are you are going?
Why did you come here? It's time for an answer.

Look up, curtsey, speak nicely.
Look up, curtsey, speak nicely.
Use French when you can't say the English thing.

To stay in the same place, one has to go running.
You call that nonsense, but I've heard more nonsense.

Look up, curtsey, speak nicely.
Look up, curtsey, speak nicely
and don't twiddle your fingers all the time.



4th Movement – Tweedledum and Tweedledee

Nohow - contrariwise!
Nohow - so much obliged.
Nohow - contrariwise!
Nohow - so much obliged.

5th Movement – The White Queen

The effect of - living - backwards - backwards,
is it always - makes one - a little giddy at first,
a little giddy at first.

The rule is jam tomorrow and jam yesterday.
Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday.
Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday,
but never - ever - jam today!

The advantage - is one's - memory - memory -
can work both ways - so it - remembers things from next
week, and then the week after that.

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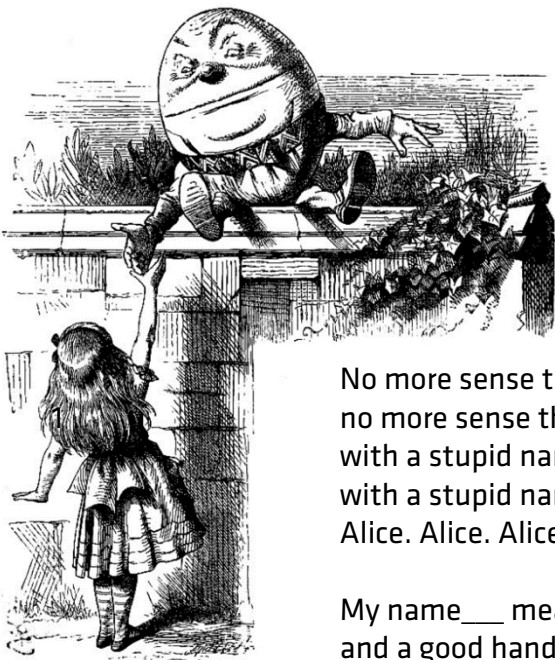
When I was your age - Alice - I daresay - I daresay,
before breakfast - I believed six impossible things,
yes six impossible things.

(very slowly at first)

The ___ rule ___ is ___

(with a waltzing feel)

jam tomorrow and jam yesterday.
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6th Movement - Humpty Dumpty

It is very provoking,
it is very provoking,
to be called an egg,
to be called an egg.
Very. Very. Very. Very. MMM!

No more sense than a baby,
no more sense than a baby,
with a stupid name,
with a stupid name,
Alice. Alice. Alice. Alice. BLAH!

My name ___ means the shape I am,
and a good handsome shape I am ___!
With a name ___ like the one you have,
you could be any shape at all ___ AT ALL ___!

So you think I'd be safer?
So you think I'd be safer?
Sitting on the ground,
sitting on the ground?
No way. No way. No way. No way. NO!

If I ___ ever did fall off,
and there's no chance of it at all ___.
Then the King ___ with his very mouth promised me
that he'd send his men ___ HIS MEN ___!

Spoken

Yes - all of his horses and all of his men, they'd pick me up in a minute they would!

7th Movement – An Exam to be Queen

Can YOU do addition?

*What's one and one and
one and one and one and
one and one and one and
one and one?*

Can YOU do division?

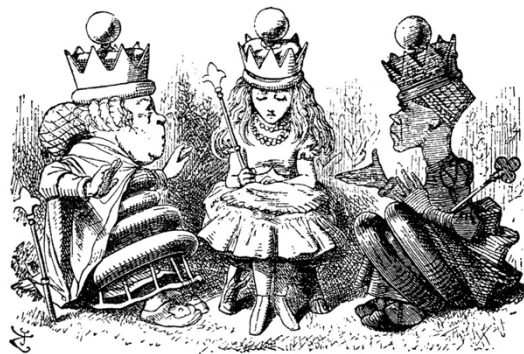
*Divide a loaf by a knife,
what's the answer to that?*

Can YOU do subtraction?

*Take a bone from a dog,
tell us what would remain?*

You think nothing would remain?
His temper would remain.
His temper would remain.

SHE CAN'T DO SUMS A BIT!



8th Movement – Queen Alice (orchestra only)

9th Movement – Return Through the Looking-Glass



You woke me from a dream,
one through the looking-glass Kitty.
Have you been with me all along?

Did you know it dear?
This simple tale to hear.
Drifting down the stream.
Life is but a dream.

